

MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

Oct. 7 ~	The Bad Guys	Dubbed
Oct. 10 ~	Spencer	Sub
Oct. 28 ~	Amsterdam	Sub
Nov. 3 ~	The Roundup	Sub

Due to the new coronavirus infection, movies might be changed without notice. So please check the homepage for information.

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

『～やすいです、～にくいです』の 使い方

A : Bさん、スマートウォッチ ^か買ったんですか。

B-san, sumāto wotchi kattan desu ka?

(B-san, did you buy a smart watch?)

B : ええ、いいでしょう? ^{さいしん}最新モデルです。

Ē, ī deshō? Saishin moderu desu.

(Yes. It's great, isn't it? It's the latest model.)

A : わたしも ^か買おうかな。それ、^{つか}使いやすいですか。

Watashi mo kaō ka na? Sore, tsukaiyasui desu ka?

(I wonder if I should buy one. Is it easy to use?)

B : ^{きのう}機能は ^{おお}多いけど、^{そうさ}操作は わかりやすいですよ。

Kinō wa ōi kedo, sōsa wa wakariyasui desu yo.

(It has a lot of functions, but it's very easy to understand its operations.)



A : ^{けんこう}健康の ^{ため}ために、^{まいあさ}毎朝 ^{やさい}野菜ジュースを ^{つく}作って ^の飲んで ^{いま}います。

Kenkō no tameni, maiasa yasaijūsu o tsukutte nonde imasu.

(I make vegetable juice to drink for my health every morning.)

B : ええ、^{やさい}野菜ジュースって、^の飲みに にくいでしょう?

Ē, yasaijūsu tte, nominikui deshō?

(Really? Vegetable juice is hard to drink, isn't it?)

A : ^{くだもの}果物も ^い入れるから、^の飲み やすいですよ。

Kudamono mo ireru kara, nomiyasui desu yo.

(It's easy to drink because I also put some fruit in it.)



それに、^{しゅっけんまえ}出勤前に ^{いちじかん}1時間 ^{ジョギング}ジョギングも して います。

Soreni, shukkin mae ni ichijikan jogingu mo shite imasu.

(In addition I jog for an hour before leaving home to work.)

B : ^{いちじかん}1時間なんて、わたしには 無理!

Ichijikan nante, watashi niwa muri!

(One hour?! That's impossible for me.)

A : ^{さんぽ}散歩からなら ^{はじめ}始め やすいと ^{おも}思いますよ。

Sampo kara nara hajimeyasui to omoimasu yo.

(If you start with walking, it is easier, I think.)



What's New?

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Discrimination and COVID-19

(Ehime Shimbun: September 3, 2022)

It was reported last July that the number of new COVID-19 cases per a day reached 1,000 in Ehime. Soon after in August the number exceeded 3,000. There is no end in sight to the fight against this unknown virus. The hospital bed occupancy rate sharply rose and the Ehime Prefectural Government has declared a "BA.5 Medical State of Emergency." Now we are facing the biggest crisis since March 2020 when the first case of COVID-19 in Ehime was confirmed.

It may sound rather imprudent but I feel somewhat relieved concerning COVID-19. Society has begun to gradually accept COVID-19, saying things like "We should not blame others for being infected with the virus." However, just because we are defenseless in the face of the overwhelming number infected, it does not mean that we have overcome discrimination.

Infected people have been slandered and harassed repeatedly in Ehime. It might just be a cause of the fear of the virus, but I got chills down my spine when I heard the experiences of the victims. I thought, "How foolish human beings are!" and have tried seriously to keep fighting against the discrimination.

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Now workers in my newspaper company are getting infected one after another day by day. When an infected reporter earnestly said to me, "I am very sorry to be infected. I am afraid that I might have infected someone in our company", I feel that he is suffering more mentally than physically.


A society where anyone can live happily is ideal. Anyone can be wholly treated without being blamed or discriminated against even if they get infected. I wonder how much closer we have come to "the blessed society of us" in the last two and a half years.


(Ando Tsutomu, Director of News Department)


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What are all those Animal Figures along the Industrial Road in front of the Shin-Kamogawa Bridge in Saijo?

Hoo-Ja!
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We interviewed Mr. Shigeta of "Nexta" Co. Ltd. whose company displayed a large number of animal figures along the road. "Our company sells car parts. We also sell original EVs. Furthermore, we sell animal figures under the name of "Real Animal". These are produced in the USA and imported by a trading company in Hyogo Prefecture that is the only importer in Japan. We are its sole agency."

"Real Animals are sold or rented out to shops or event sites. Seeing the figures on the entrance of the shop, some people are inspired to visit our shop, take a photo and post it on the internet. Accordingly, viewers get interested in and visit the shop. The figures have such a promotional sales effect. When we put a 2.5 meter high gorilla figure in the Tobe Zoo, there was a long queue of photographers.



When we put a policeman figure in front of the Nexta entrance, traffic accidents were reduced.

We put a hawk figure on top of the roof and pollution by bird droppings has gone down."



"Other than animal figures, we can provide a lot of unique figures such as that of humans, dinosaurs, aliens, etc. 500 items in total. We can help events or opening ceremonies, so please ask Nexta, and we will run to assist you."



As mentioned above, the puzzling animal figures are merchandise.

November Events



Events at Besshi Memorial Library

1. 30th Anniversary Photo Exhibition

"Nostalgic library and Niihama told through old photographs"
Date: November 2nd (Wed) to December 23rd (Fri)

2. Talk Event and Workshop by Katsuya Hirose, a picture book author

Date: November 27th (Sun)
Talk Event "Boku to Yokai Picture Book" 13:00-14:00



Yokai mask making: 14:30-16:00
Target: Children to adults
(preschool children must be accompanied by a guardian)
Capacity: 80 people each (numbered ticket required)
Free of charge
Application: from November 2nd (Wed) at the library counter
Telephone reception is possible

3. Library Festival 2022 Book Recycling

Date and time November 24th (Thu) 13:30 ~18:40
November 25th (Fri) 9:30 ~18:40
November 26th (Sat) 9:30~14:00
Capacity: 50 people each time
Admission every 30 minutes (numbered tickets distributed 30 minutes before the start of each session)

Night Theater "Pandakopanda"

Date and time: November 13th (Sun) 19:00 ~ 20:30 (planned)
Place: Minetopia Besshi south parking lot
In case of rain, there is a change of location, free of charge
Inquiries <http://www.besshi.com/>
Tel: 0897-43-1801

Prefectural Art Exhibition

Date and time: November 10th (Thu) to November 22nd (Tue)
Place: Room 1 and 2 at Akagane Museum Exhibition Gallery

Notice

The postponed **31st Global party** will be held on **February 12.**